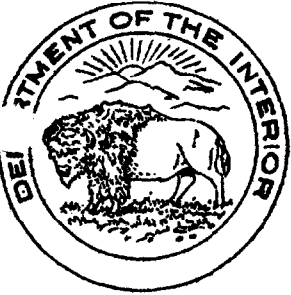


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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## INFORMATION SERVICE

### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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To meet demands for postwar development of the fisheries of interior waters, a new unit has been established in the Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct investigations of all aspects of the cultivation of fresh water and sea-run migratory fishes in the western part of the United States, Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Director of the Service, reported today to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

The unit will form part of the Division of Fishery Biology and will be known as the Pacific Coast Fish-Cultural Investigations. Further reorganization contemplated for future months will establish somewhat similar units in other sections of the country, Dr. Gabrielson said.

Elmer Higgins, Chief of the Division of Fishery Biology, described the investigations of the new unit as "concerned directly with the improvement of fish-cultural practices at the many western Federal fish-cultural stations. In addition, the staff will give advice and assistance to the State fish-cultural stations wherever possible."

Because of the many dams and other engineering developments already constructed or proposed for construction in rivers of the Pacific coast, an important part of the work of the section will be concerned with fish-cultural practices required in the protection of the fishery resources from such developments.

Dr. Frederic F. Fish, long engaged in pathological investigations for the former Bureau of Fisheries and the Fish and Wildlife Service, has been placed in charge of the section. Headquarters has been established at the Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon, where offices and laboratory facilities have been provided under a cooperative agreement with the college.

Dr. Robert R. Rucker has been transferred from the Division of Commercial Fisheries to this new section of the Division of Fishery Biology and will be stationed at Seattle, Washington.

Roger E. Burrows has been attached to the section and will continue fish-cultural studies at Leavenworth, Washington. Daniel W. Slater will represent the section at the Coleman Hatchery in California.

Dr. Fish will also cooperate with the faculty of the Oregon State College in the training of students in aquiculture in order to facilitate the recruiting of biological investigators and fish-cultural employees in the future.